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## News briefs: April 18

**Mike Stanton**  
assistant news editor

### 2 suspects identified in photos of Boston attacks

The FBI released photographs and video Thursday afternoon showing two individuals believed to be responsible for Monday's terrorist attack at the Boston Marathon, where two bombs detonated, killing three and injuring more than 150 others, according to a Boston Globe article by Milton J. Valencia and Martin Finucane.

The photos show two male suspects, one in a dark hat and one in a white hat, both carrying backpacks. The FBI, referring to the pair as Suspect 1 and Suspect 2, have appealed to the public for help identifying and locating them. The FBI said Suspect 2 was observed planting one of the bombs several minutes before it went off.

President Barack Obama visited Boston on Thursday and spoke at an interfaith prayer service.

"In an instant, the day's beauty was shattered. A celebration became a tragedy," Obama said. "And so we come together to pray and mourn and measure our loss. But we also come together today to reclaim that state of grace — to reaffirm that the spirit of this city is undaunted, and the spirit of this country shall remain undimmed."

### Massive explosion rocks Texas fertilizer plant, town

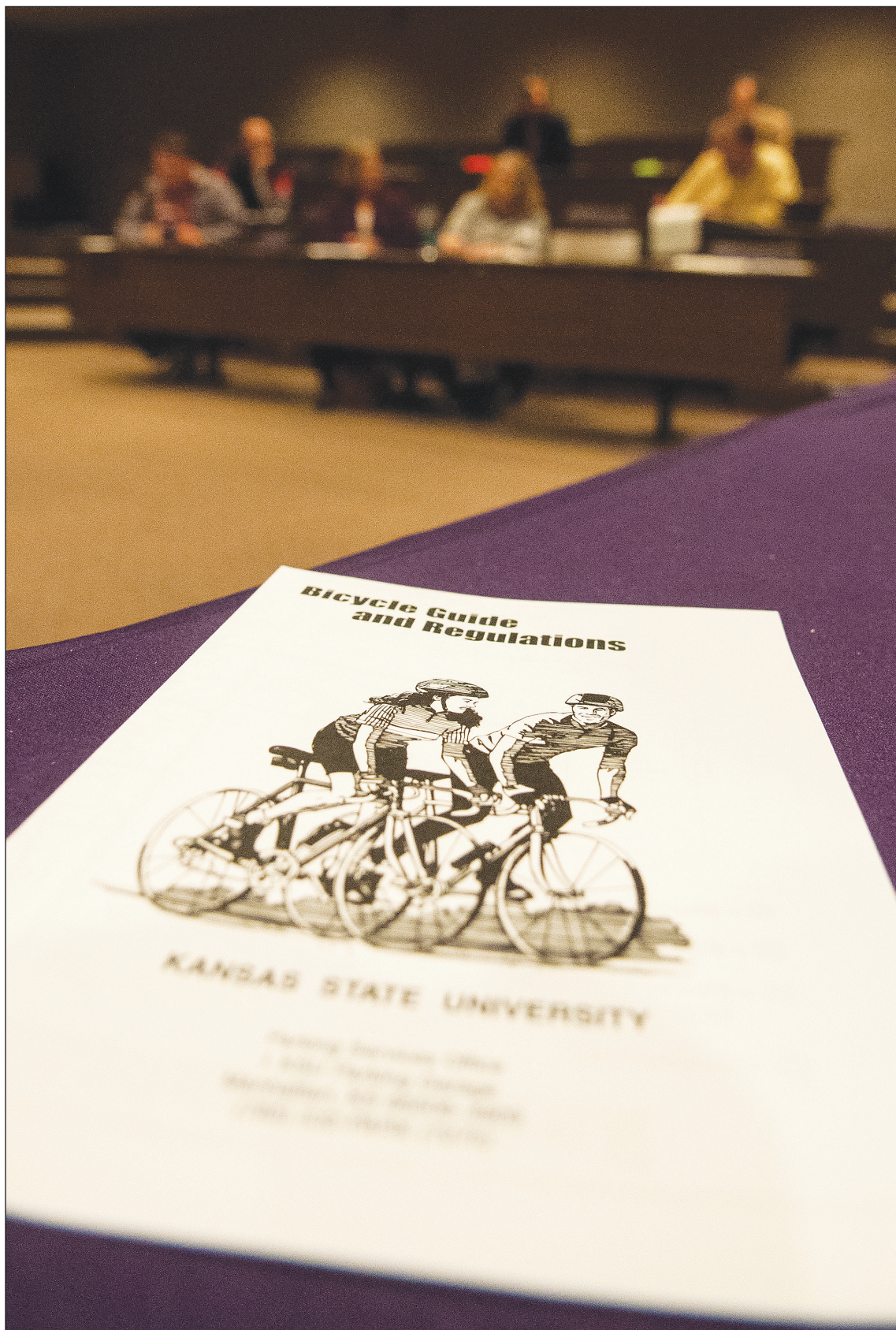
In the aftermath of an enormous explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, at least five people are dead and many more are hospitalized, but the list of casualties toll could grow much longer, according to a New York Times article by Manny Fernandez and John Schwartz.

The explosion, the cause of which is still unknown, caused widespread evacuations in the 2,800-person town north of Waco. Officials are worried that the danger of explosion is not over.

The blast took place just

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## Forum addresses K-State cycling concerns



**Jeana Lawrence**  
staff writer

Bicycle regulations on campus could change due to concerns about the hazard that bicycle traffic poses during busy periods on campus. At an open forum held Thursday by K-State's Council on Parking Operations, community members and students alike expressed concern that cycling on campus was becoming too hazardous.

"I don't feel safe on Anderson or 17th Street," said John Scott, graduate student in regional and community planning. "K-State is just not very bike-friendly."

All cyclists are required to register their bikes with K-State Parking Services, which then gives them a pamphlet explaining the various rules about biking on campus. Cyclists must yield to pedestrians on main thoroughfares, such as the sidewalk that passes between Hale Library and Willard Hall. In other areas, like the sidewalk that leads from the K-State Student Union to Hale, cyclists must walk their bikes.

There are also streets on campus where cyclists may share the road with cars, but community members said these roads were too dangerous to cyclists, which discourages their use and leads to cyclists using the sidewalks instead.

According to Ben Champion, director of sustainability at K-State, there are different types of cyclists. Class A includes those who feel comfortable riding alongside cars and comprise around 5 percent of the biking population. Class B cyclists feel uncomfortable riding with cars and make up a majority of the biking population.

"If we design for that style of cycling, we'll help the most amount of people," Champion said. "We should make them feel like they're not alone."

Champion, who is part of the 2025 master plan, said in order to develop K-State's campus,

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Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

K-State students and community members meet in the Big 12 Room in the K-State Student Union to discuss changes to bicycling regulations and problems on campus on Thursday.

## SGA swears in 2013-14 senators

**Nicolas Wahl**  
staff writer

Thursday night's Student Governing Association meeting, which marks the start of the 2013-14 SGA term, included the election of a new Speaker of the Student Senate as well as the unveiling of the new ICAT T-shirts.

Amid the intermittent inaugurations of next semester's senators, the key item on the agenda was the election of former speaker pro-tempore Kyle Nuss, senior in architectural engineering, as the new Student Senate speaker. Nuss was confident that his experience as speaker pro-tempore was a solid bridge to the speaker position.

"I've spent three years in the senate body as, kind of a decision-maker, but at the same time I've spent time as a facilitator," Nuss said. "I'm really excited, after splitting time [between the two roles], for what the senate can accomplish."

Nuss agreed that his new

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## Drama, comedy mixed in 'Kimberly Akimbo' production

**Jeana Lawrence**  
staff writer

Thursday evening, the play "Kimberly Akimbo" sold out its first performance by K-State Theatre in the Purple Masque Theatre. "Kimberly Akimbo," written by Pulitzer Prize winner David Lindsay-Abaire, follows the life of Kimberly, a 16-year-old girl with the disease progeria, which makes aging occur much earlier in the human body than usual. Kimberly is a teenage girl stuck in the body of an old woman, and in the play, victims of the disease only live to be 16 years old.

"This was my first choice," said LeAnn Meyer, graduate student in theatre and director of the play. "I wanted to challenge myself by doing a comedy, since I usually do more dramatic stuff."

The play begins with an argument between Kimberly and Kimberly's father, Buddy. Kimberly is played by Tracena Marie, graduate student in theatre, while Buddy was played by Dillon Artzer, also a graduate student in theatre. From there, the audience was introduced to Kimberly's crazy and pregnant mother, Pattie, played by Sarah Boatman, sophomore in theatre.

Pattie also has a criminal sister, Debra, played by Shon Ruffin, senior in theatre, who wants Kimberly and her love interest, Jeff, played by Joey Boos, junior in theatre, to help her with a money scam. From there, Kim-



Caitlyn Massy | Collegian

A sign directs visitors to East Stadium's Purple Masque Theatre, where K-State Theatre's newest play "Kimberly Akimbo" opened Thursday night. The play revolves around a 16-year-old with progeria, a disease that causes premature aging.

berly's life is turned upside down as she deals with her first love, her chaotic family, a crushing family secret and comes to terms with her disease.

"I always found the idea of first love

interesting," Meyer said. "But I also love how this play balances out first love and her dysfunctional family."

According to Meyer, students auditioned before winter break for the

various parts. Meyer was looking for actors to take their characters to the next level, who could highlight the

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**THE BEST OF THE FOURUM**

Gandalf follows me around in the Engineering building only on test days ... "You Shall Not Pass!!!!"

--- Then you stand there like surprised Patrick?

I too wish I could afford to pay for "friends."

--- The price of "friends" is as much as a gorilla costume. Make it happen.

If I told you the best place to poop on campus, that would mean I have less time to use it. I wouldn't want that...

--- Infrequent use is an important characteristic. Well played.

North Korea's threats are like KU people saying, "Oh we'll beat you guys in football this year." Yeah, OK.

--- Or like K-State saying to KU, "We'll take you down in quidditch!" We aren't Elite 8 material.

Go home Kansas, you're drunk.

--- I drunk I'm not swear!

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**There** is a mirror in front of the toilet in Umberger. I was forced to watch myself go to the bathroom. It was terrible ...

**All** the toilet paper on campus is still one-half ply, after all these years. Obama promised change!

**Can** the person who made the greeks joke marry me? Please?

I think ice cream trucks should start driving through campus



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### ARREST REPORTS

Wednesday, April 17

**Sarice Nicole Rue**, of Denver, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

**Krystle Tyana Dawn Hilt**, of the 400 block of Maple Place, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**John Grady Simpson**, of the 30 block of Waterway Place, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

**John James Pirozzi**, of Lindenwold, NJ, was booked for soliciting without a permit. Bond was set at \$229.

**Amanda Kay Young**, of the 500 block of 14th Street,

was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and habitual violation. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Thursday, April 18

**Joan Mary Slopes**, of the 2300 block of Candlewood Drive, was booked for driving

under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

**Ronald Joseph Pelletier Jr.**, of the 700 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Compiled by Katie Goerl

**4-19 CRYPTOQUIP**

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Pursuit of immortality ignores concerns about environment, humanity



Illustration by Parker Wilhelm



Kate Haddock

Stories of cyborgs like Darth Vader have always been limited to the realm of science fiction, but that might change. The 2045 Initiative, a group of like-minded scientists and intellectuals, has formulated a four-step plan that predicts that humans will be able to live in artificial bodies, or avatars, by the year 2045.

Science fiction has made a sudden jump into reality, and the supporters of the 2045 Initiative and its founder Dmitry Itskov are fully confident in the value of this transition. The Initiative's website comes equipped with a comprehensive timeline as well as an international manifesto. This manifesto makes many bold statements, including the group's idea that "it is possible and necessary to eliminate aging and even death" through scientific progress.

The 2045 Initiative expresses the idea that the very ideology of human beings needs to change, and that we need to take control of our own evolution. This brings up the question, what is wrong with an ideology that is unconcerned with artificial intelligence and immortality? The group's appeal for many seems to be in its desire to create a sturdier body for human beings, but would this type of body appeal to people who don't see any merit in living forever?

There are plenty of other problems with the 2045 Initiative aside from its foundation in the desire for immortality. Although the program claims that its avatar machines will eventually cost about as much as a car, the affordability of this program is debatable. There are plenty of people on this planet who cannot afford a car, let alone something more expensive. Will these artificial bodies become a privilege for the rich and entitled?

It is mentioned several times that the progress made by this initiative will help in the medical field, especially with disabilities and missing limbs. Perhaps such progress will eventually be beneficial, but in its initial stages I find it highly unlikely that a financially-restricted person could afford such a

treatment. It seems that these artificial shells may just be another way for people with more money to show off their status, especially considering that Itskov himself is a billionaire.

Those spearheading the project seem to believe that the best thing we can do with our technology is to create bodies that rid ourselves of our physical limitations. The international manifesto states that "iPhones and Segways cannot save mankind from the limitations in the physical abilities of our bodies," and goes on to say that commercial technology is not the best use of our time.

I can agree with this statement, but immortal bodies for humans seems like just as much of a distraction from necessity as the newest model of smartphone. What use will artificial bodies have if our planet is destroyed by pollution because we weren't researching new ways to fuel our lives? Scientific efforts should be focused on curing and preventing disease rather than preparing for our eventual decay. Immortality is a convenient distraction from the immediate problems that need addressing. We've been living mortal lives for a while now, I think we can do it for a while longer.

On a more romantic note, many people agree that there is unique feeling that goes along with being human. We have a connection to the world through our senses that cannot be imitated by any artificial being. Why are we so ready to discard our physically-limited human bodies?

The 2045 Initiative claims the bodies it plans on creating "will achieve perfection of form and be no less attractive than the human body." If we are so unattached to our weak human forms, why would we care if our new bodies looked the same? There is no guarantee that the smell of flowers will be as special if we're not smelling it with our own nose. Without a limit on our lifespans, would we appreciate the things that surround us in the same way, or would everything just blur together after a while?

When the cyborg movement hits the public arena, don't look for me anywhere nearby. I have read enough science fiction novels to know that these sorts of projects don't usually go very well. Some may see it as harmless, but I don't plan on joining the 2045 Initiative, despite the ominous "join us" at the top of their homepage.

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Controversial medical advancements deserve support to prolong life



Ian Huyett

In 2012, Emily Whitehead was on death's door. The 7-year-old's acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common childhood cancer, had resisted chemotherapy for more than a year.

Determined to save their daughter, Emily's parents enrolled her in a gene therapy trial at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. There, an engineered virus programmed Emily's own immune cells to eradicate cancer. In less than a month, Emily was cancer-free. According to a May 2012 Centre Daily Times article by Heather Hottle, Emily was the first child in the U.S. to receive this sort of treatment.

Opposite this medical miracle, however, lies an implicit societal tragedy. While gene therapy may be new to Americans, Chinese oncologists have been using it to cure patients for years. In 2003, in fact, American businessman Arthur Winiarski traveled to Beijing to receive a treatment that had not yet been approved in the U.S. Though Winiarski had been given months to live and had a tumor the size of a fist, his gene therapy sent it into complete remission, according to a July 2004 article in The Telegraph by Adam Luck.

Emily's recovery, though spectacular, happened nine years after Winiarski's. I shudder to imagine the number of patients that our country needlessly failed to save during that time. While awkward government regulation is a setback in and of itself, I'm convinced that part of the problem is our culture's suspicious attitude toward any advancements that offer to help us live longer.

The column opposite mine is likely an example of this skepticism. When we hear that some genetic or prosthetic discovery may one day extend our longevity, our fears of inequality, overpopulation and "playing God" compel us to shirk away. The result may be that we fail to save people like Emily.

As someone to whom faith is important, the notion that certain medical advancements constitute "playing God" has never resonated with me. Religion is about

both acknowledging and transcending human limitations. Theism and improving the human condition aren't simply compatible, they are congruent. To a theist, in fact, the devaluation of life is a devaluation of creation.

If life is a gift from God, we ought to affirm it by enjoying it for as long as we can. Rejecting medicine does not glorify God — it only exalts emptiness and death.

Those who caution that certain medical advancements might cause overpopulation have a more interesting double standard. Contrary to popular belief, people rarely die of non-specific "old age." The two leading causes of death in America are heart disease and cancer, respectively. If gene therapies like Emily's could reliably cure other cancers, it would greatly increase average life expectancy. Are Malthusians willing to deny cures to suffering 7-year-olds in order to prevent overpopulation, or would they prefer to appoint a committee to arbitrate who will live and who will die?

Moreover, there's little reason to anticipate that there would be a larger population increase as a result of extending the lives of healthy people. We didn't go extinct when people lived shorter lives because they had children sooner than we do now. Likewise, if some treatment increased our longevity, many would forestall having children until later in life. While I personally think it's beneficial to have children early, I have no wish to impose this preference on others.

Appeals to equality are perhaps the most senseless objection to medical innovation. Consider the fact that, every year, many people die of malaria in the developing countries even though it is easily treatable with chloroquine. There are two ways we could go about equalizing this disparity. One way would be to send more chloroquine to impoverished nations. Another way would be to keep sick people in wealthy nations from getting chloroquine. Though both scenarios get us equally closer to equality, nobody would be better off in the latter.

The former solution is preferable because equality, in and of itself, should never be pursued as an end. As political theorist Edmund Burke wrote in 1795, compulsory equalizations "pull down what is above. They never raise what is below," and "they depress high and low together



Illustration by Parker Wilhelm

er beneath the level of what was originally the lowest." While it's a shame that chloroquine is not more accessible, the treatment would benefit no one if it hadn't first originated somewhere.

A February 2012 article in Nature by Heidi Ledford discusses a study that suggests that, in mice, the overexpression of a sirutin gene can increase lifespan by about 15 percent. Should research

of this kind one day benefit humans, humanitarians should respond by welcoming it just as we've welcomed antibiotics, eyeglasses, pacemakers and other technologies that have improved

the human condition through ingenuity.

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# Club soccer teams to take field in weekend tourney

Kelly McHugh  
staff writer

The K-State men's and women's club soccer teams will host the 34th Annual Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament this Friday through Sunday.

The tournament is named after the late Ed "Fast Eddy" Chartrand, former K-State men's soccer club player who passed away in 1979, a year after his graduation from K-State. The first tournament was hosted by Ed's brother and club soccer player, Art Chartrand, and took place the fall after his brother's death.

"I was on the first team to play in this tournament," said Chartrand, a 1980 K-State graduate. "My brother and I played at K-State together for two years and I think what means the most to me is that the students are still carrying it on today."

Thirty-four years later, Art Chartrand is still a big part of the tournament today. He began the Chartrand Charitable Foundation in honor of his brother. The Ed Chartrand Memorial Tournament is one of the foundation's biggest events, as the charity's main goal is to provide opportunities for youth through sports.

Each year, soccer teams from different Midwestern colleges travel to Manhattan to compete in the tournament. This spring, teams from the University of Kansas, Saint Louis University, Manhattan Christian College, Creighton University, McPherson College and Northwest Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University, Truman State University and Emporia State University will all participate in the three-day event.

From coordinating which teams are coming to writing this year's schedule, setting up the soccer tournament takes a lot of time, said men's soccer club captain Andrew Drumm, senior in industrial engineering. However, the work is worth it in the end.

"We are the highest level of soccer at K-State, and the men's team, we went undefeated this fall," Drumm said. "The tournament is always a great time. The student support gets riled up, but at the same time, it's a great family event."

The members of the K-State men's and women's soccer club look forward to the almost completely student-run event each and every year. Now that the hard work and preparation are behind them, the teams are ready to get on the field and play.

"There are a lot of different teams coming to play," said Morgan Velez, junior in interior design and women's team captain. "We've coordinated fields, referees, teams, T-shirts and money. It is really great to see all of our hard work come to life when the tournament is in full force."

Friday night's events will kick off at 6 p.m. with the K-State women's soccer team taking on Manhattan Christian College at K-State's Memorial Stadium. The K-State men's team will also play in Memorial Stadium on Friday night and will take on Emporia State at 9 p.m.



## LA bomb scare cancels track meet Thursday

Mark Kern  
sports editor

The Cal State LA Twilight Open track meet was canceled on Thursday after a bomb threat was called in on the Cal State Los Angeles campus.

Approximately 10 K-State athletes were scheduled to participate in the meet. The track team members are safe and back at their hotel, and are trying to get into a different

track meet in California this weekend.

This is the second bomb threat made in Los Angeles in the past two days as the employees at KTLA TV studios received a threat and were evacuated Wednesday.

The unknown caller said he planted bombs at both LA and Berkeley campuses. Berkeley determined the threat had low credibility and did not evacuate.

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# HALO members look toward past, plan for future

Karina Fiegelist  
contributing writer

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization at K-State is an organization based on five basic ideals: leadership, cultural awareness, community outreach, political activism and, most important, unity. As the spring semester reaches an end, the club looks back over their accomplishments in the past several semesters.

"I feel that the organization did an amazing job these past semesters," said Juan Troche, freshman in agricultural economics from Paraguay. "They focused to reach out not only to the local Hispanic population, but also to the newcomers like me that feel they need the feeling of belonging to the K-State family. I'm really happy to feel welcome."

The present-day HALO started as the Association of Mexican American Students at K-State in 1971. It later became MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan). It was not until the mid-1980s that the organization became the present-day organization HALO.

During Hispanic Heritage Month last October, HALO's annual Encuentro event experienced an exceptionally large attendance, bringing in more than 600 students from several universities, colleges and high schools from across the Midwest. The event included speeches, a variety of workshops and many other activities.

Soon after, HALO and other multicultural groups gained attention by joining forces and standing against

the controversial laws which made it illegal to teach Mexican-American studies in the Tucson, Ariz., school district. The joint efforts of several multicultural organizations brought Tony Diaz, the vanguard of the Librotraficante movement, to K-State.

HALO then hosted the "Fiebre Del Futbol" soccer tournament in October. More than 200 students representing more than 20 nationalities registered in 12 teams. The group hopes to host another tournament this spring.

On March 28, HALO members honored Cesar Chavez, one of the most prominent Hispanic Rights activists of the 20th century. The event included a march and ceremony with speaker Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a distinguished scholar, author and world-renowned expert on immigration and anthropology.

HALO also brought its own private label, FDA-approved food product to campus. The HALO salsa is currently for sale in the K-State Student Union's Cats' Den convenience store. The proceeds from the salsa will go toward future HALO projects.

It has been a long process to getting to salsa on the store shelves, said David Mejia-Zaccaro, president of HALO and junior in business administration.

"The idea met a lot of resistance at first. We had to go through a really long process to get it approved and verified by the attorney," Mejia-Zaccaro said. "It is completely understandable though. The idea of having a private manufacturer make and bottle salsa for us, and



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HALO Salsa, an FDA-approved salsa created by the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, is currently for sale in the Cats' Den convenience store in the K-State Student Union. All proceeds go toward future HALO projects.

later selling retail-grade food with the HALO logo on the label out of a legitimate business in the Union, mind-boggled quite a bit of individuals. And my dream is that someday we'll have HALO tortilla chips to go with the salsa."

As this school year winds down, the incoming HALO president is

looking forward to next year's potential activities.

"My goals for next year are to see more general member involvement," said future HALO president Jeffrey Andrade, senior in electrical engineering. "I plan on getting them involved by organizing committees that they can engage in. Also,

I would like to focus on reaching out to Latino high school students to encourage them to go to Kansas State."

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# Local librarians, bookstore manager say print books are here to stay



Marcella Brooks | Collegian

E-books and e-readers are growing in popularity, but local business owners and librarians say as long as readers are still interested in books, print materials will stick around in stores and libraries.

Charlotte Graham  
contributing writer

As people purchase textbooks, select leisure reading or even decide how they will read magazines and newspapers, the debate between tab-

lets, such as Amazon's Kindle, Apple's iPad or the Barnes & Noble Nook, and traditional paper and ink publications continues. The e-book side argues for the convenience factor, while the print version argues readers can not beat

the physical book-in-your-hand feeling.

Regardless, it is undeniable that publishers are beginning to produce more and more digital versions of their books and publications. Digital books can be cheaper and

use fewer physical resources to publish on an e-format. But what does this mean for the future of print books?

For Sarah Wilson, store manager at The Dusty Bookshelf, the key is balance. She is optimistic that there will always be a market for the printed word. The Dusty Bookshelf has been fortunate not to experience many negative impacts of the rise in e-book consumption, Wilson said.

The store utilizes the Internet in another way, too. It sells books online, a practice that helps reduce the effects of the rise in popularity of e-books, Wilson said. The Dusty Bookshelf continues to sell specialty items, like first editions and books signed by the author. Wilson believes that a market will always exist for items like these.

"There will always be those people out there looking for that one special book," she said.

Community support is also an important reason for the shop's endurance, Wilson said.

The future of e-books is bright, but it is still distant, said Jason Coleman, undergraduate and community services librarian at Hale Library. It will be 10 to 20 years before most literature will be accessi-

ble through e-books, Coleman said.

"As the population ages, people become more comfortable with using e-readers and their improved quality and continued decreased price," he said. "It's going to happen."

This transition could present changes for the K-State Libraries, according to Coleman. If e-books were to make print materials obsolete, many of the books currently in the library would have to be moved to an outside storage area.

The archives would naturally remain in Hale Library to preserve school records and documents. The space in the library, which is extensive, would be repurposed. Many of the rooms would probably become study rooms or teaching spaces.

"We try to make the spaces, when we repurpose them, as flexible as possible," Coleman said.

According to Coleman, eliminating print books could lead to issues in staffing. Library science courses are already changing to reflect the new demands of the position, and librarians in the future may begin to focus more on helping students effectively find their research material and how to use it successfully,

instead of directing them to a print book in the stacks.

Jo Budler, librarian at the State Library of Kansas and 2013 librarian of the year, believes the printed word will never be completely eliminated. She said that e-books are simply another medium to add to the list.

"Just as books on CD or on tape did not mean the demise of the paperbound book, neither will e-books or e-readers," Budler said.

The State Library of Kansas has begun adapting to the rise in demand for e-books. The library has already made more than 30,000 titles available for Kansans to borrow online. These books can be checked out to read on a variety of tablets, but some books may never be available as e-books, Budler said.

"But as long as there are people who do not own e-readers or who prefer the printed word, libraries will continue to offer books in paperback format," she said. "Libraries are the access point."

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# Study abroad student interacts with koalas

Erica Hamman  
contributing writer

Good day mates! I am officially over halfway done with my study abroad experience, and I am already having conflicting emotions. I want to return home, but I still want to experience the joys of Australia. One of my favorite places that I have visited since I arrived is the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane.

The trip to the koala sanctuary was an excursion planned by the cruise I went

on during spring break. They took us on a bus straight to the zoo. While there, we were given a behind-the-scenes view of the zoo with our own zookeeper who filled us in on many interesting facts about koalas and the zoo in general. Once there, the zookeeper did a health check on a koala named Sumo and we learned what to look for if we became vets, which is my educational emphasis.

We saw many koalas resting in the trees, since they spend roughly 19 hours a day sleeping, and even got to hold

one for a souvenir picture. I was also able to plant a Eucalyptus tree myself. Koalas are very picky eaters, and eat only about 50 of the over 700 Eucalyptus species that exist. This sanctuary not only has koalas, but also houses kangaroos, wombats, dingoes, a platypus and reptiles.

There was a petting zoo area that housed the kangaroos and wallabies, and you could feed them special food and pet them. They were surprisingly relaxed and were used to human interaction. Overall, this was

my most exciting part of my spring break trip. I would recommend anyone who is traveling around Australia to make this pit stop and see the domestic wildlife of this beautiful country.

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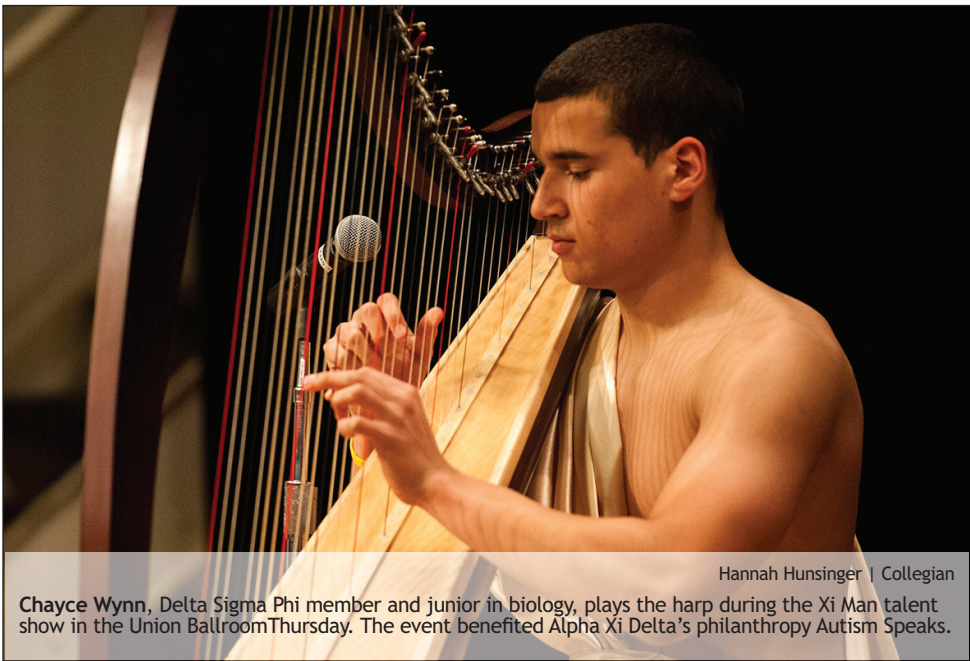
**Brandon Douglas**, member of FarmHouse and sophomore in mechanical engineering, swing dances with his coach from Alpha Xi Delta during the Xi Man talent show, put on by the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta for benefit their philanthropy Autism Speaks in the Union Ballroom on Thursday. Douglas, who won the competition, also sang and played guitar.

**Zaldy Doyungan**  
staff writer

K-State fraternity members entertained the K-State Student Union Ballroom audience Thursday in the annual Xi Man show, hosted by the Alpha Xi Delta sorority to benefit the Autism Speaks organization.

"Xi Man is a competition within different fraternity gentleman," said Corey Byrnes, philanthropy chair for Alpha Xi Delta and sophomore in life sciences. "There were events throughout this week which leads up to the show tonight and we were super excited for it."

Eleven fraternities on campus competed in this week's competitions, which included a penny and Twitter war, where the fraternities competed to collect the most pennies and have the most tweets about the competition, as well as a contest to collect school supplies, stuffed animals, and children's book.



**Chayce Wynn**, Delta Sigma Phi member and junior in biology, plays the harp during the Xi Man talent show in the Union Ballroom Thursday. The event benefited Alpha Xi Delta's philanthropy Autism Speaks.

The week also includes a new event called Catch a Xi, where contestants' coaches had to get each of the contestant's fraternity members to sign their shirt.

Each contestant received points for each event, depending on how they performed, and those points were combined with the points the contestants received in the Xi Man Show.

"It was fun seeing all the talents from all the fraternities," said Kylie Hewitt, member of Alpha Xi Delta and junior in anthropology. "It's nice to see the greek community support one another."

At the Xi Man Show, contestants competed in a formalwear competition, a talent show, question and answers and a minute-to-win-it competition. Each portion was judged by a panel that included former K-State women's basketball player Jalana Childs, football player Daniel Sams and women's basketball player Brittany Chambers, who was recently drafted in the WNBA.

"Someone had asked us to come judge and I think it's great to get involved in the community and help your peers out," Chambers said.

"I'll definitely judge if the guy has great charisma as well as a great personality."

One judge who always participates in the Xi Man Show is Linda Vejvoda, the house mom of Alpha Xi Delta, who is also known as "Mom V."

"My girls ask me to judge every year," Vejvoda said. "I usually do what my girls ask me to unless it's illegal."

Contestants showed off their many wardrobes during the formalwear portion. The crowd saw a variety of costumes such as a Greek god, Pac-Man and even Buddy the Elf. The diversity continued in the talent portion as contestants showed off abilities to play the trombone and the harp. Other contestants showed their dancing skills, as well as, a glow stick incorporated light show.

In the end, Brandon Douglas, member of the FarmHouse fraternity and

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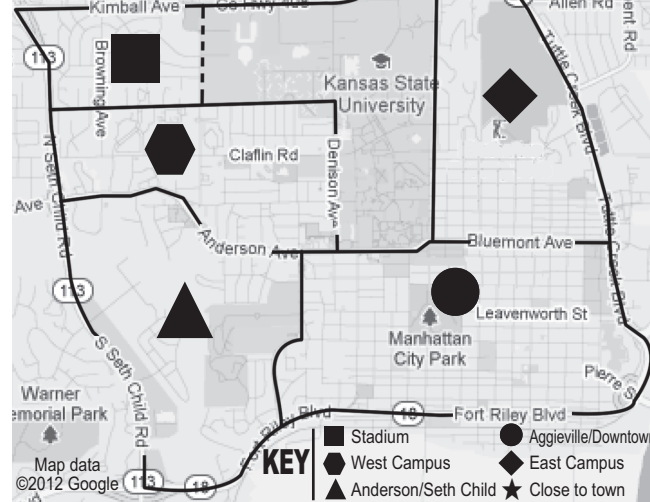
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## FORUM | Bike boulevards, zones in works

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parking lots need to be filled in with buildings to keep the campus from expanding outwards. This will create a transportation problem, and biking will become part of that solution. There will be three zones of bike areas. The different zones will be marked by signs painted on the sidewalk and will be implemented over the summer.

The first zone is the dismount zone. This is where individuals must dismount their bikes and walk them instead of riding them because there is so much pedestrian traffic and more accidents may occur there. The second zone is the yield zone, where bicyclists may ride their bikes but must yield to pedestrians. The third type of zone is the bike-only zone, where only cyclists may ride and pedestrians are not allowed to walk. This area will be the small lane between the power plant and engineering complex.

Another part of the master plan is to create biking boulevards, where only bicyclists can bike with relatively few cars coming and going, according to Champion. These boulevards will connect to major areas in Manhattan so bicyclists will not have to use the main roads.

However, some community members said that cyclists on campus are not being as safe as they could be. Jan Taggart, an accountant in the grain science and industry department, said that multiple cyclists have almost collided with her out of carelessness.

"You have to have a specific mindset," Taggart said. "Be considerate. That's the biggest challenge to overcome."

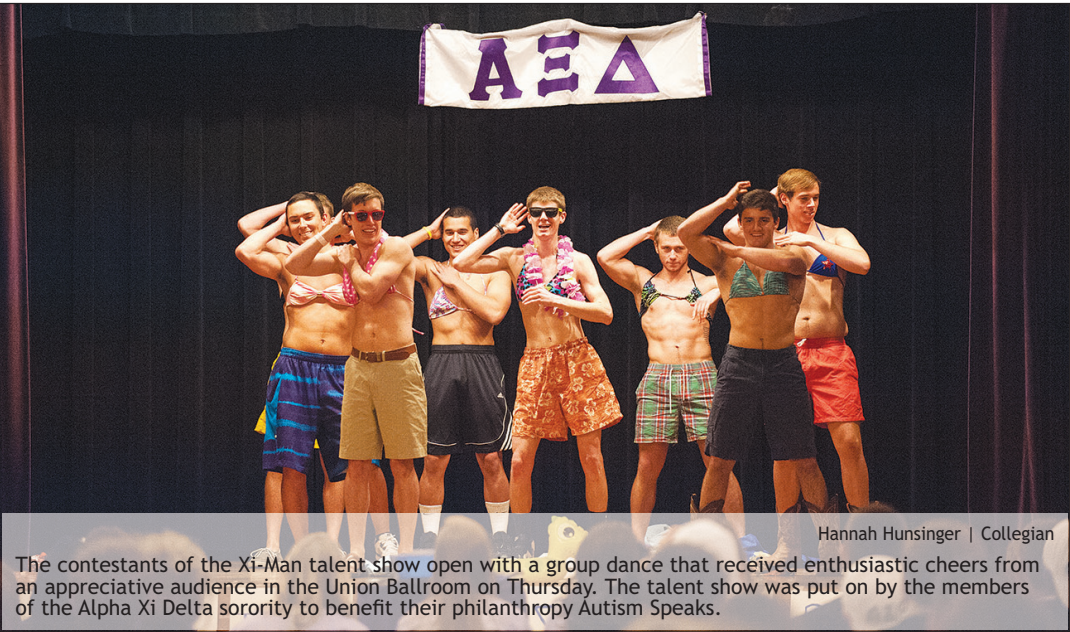
The Council on Parking Operations also released its changes to the bicycle guide and regulations on campus. One of the changes is that bicyclists must have a light on the front end of their bikes to be turned on between sunset and sunrise, and they must also have a red reflector on the back.

Another change is that violators of bicycle policy will be fined within 14 calendar days of receiving a ticket. Previously, violators were fined 8 business days after receiving the ticket.

Finally, if a bike is confiscated and not claimed after 60 days, the bike will then become the property of Parking Services. These bikes will be dealt with as the university sees fit. Before, bikes were sold in auctions or given away to Purple Wave.

"Abandoned bikes have been an issue because we don't have enough space," said Darwin Abbott, director of Parking Services. "We need to educate people better. And then after the education, we need to start changing the culture."

## PAGEANT | Show benefits Autism Speaks



The contestants of the Xi-Man talent show open with a group dance that received enthusiastic cheers from an appreciative audience in the Union Ballroom on Thursday. The talent show was put on by the members of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority to benefit their philanthropy Autism Speaks.

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sophomore in mechanical engineering, took home the title of Xi Man with his mix of guitar playing and swing dancing in the talent portion.

"My coach Bridgette Westhoff, which was also the girl that danced with me, had never swing danced before until last week," Douglas said. "We put in the time and worked a lot and we finally got it down."

Despite Douglas' stage presence in the show, he is not an inexperienced performer.

"I did a dance contest once in high school and that's it," Douglas said. "I'm going to try to get the rest of the house involved next year so that we can get the legacy going."

All of the proceeds, as well as the donated items go to the Autism Speaks organization, which is dedicated to increasing awareness for autism as well as helping to fund the research of

causes, prevention and treatment of the condition.

Autism Speaks is Alpha Xi Delta's national philanthropy. Past events that Alpha Xi Delta has participated in to benefit the organization include the Fiesta Frenxi, as well as the Kansas Walk for Autism in Kansas City. Xi Man is hosted annually in the spring.

"There was so much talent this year," Hewitt said. "This year was by far definitely one of the best Xi Man shows."

## BRIEFS | Up to 15 feared dead

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before 8 p.m. Wednesday, and sent more than 160 people to a Waco hospital. Officials did not update earlier estimates of five to 15 deaths but said final casualty count could increase significantly. Surrounding homes and businesses were leveled by the blast.

Representative Bill Flores said the disaster began with a smaller fire at the plant. Volunteer firefighters responded, but the flames spread to a number of tanks that stored chemicals used to treat fertilizer.

According to Sgt. William Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department, three to five firefighters are missing, mostly the volunteer first responders who were battling the fire at the plant when the explosion occurred.

"At some point this will turn into a recovery operation, but at this point, we are still in search and rescue," Swanton said, adding that there was widespread destruction throughout the entire town.

## DRAMA | Audience members enjoy cast

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quirkiness of each character and blend well as a cast.

"I read the script and just loved Pattie because she is so crazy," Boatman said. "I watched a lot of YouTube videos about white trash in order to prepare."

This is Boatman's first performance at K-State.

Meyer chose this play for its comedic element, but it also has its share of drama.

"When I came here, I was totally ignorant about what it was about," said Sara Cruse, sophomore in mass communications and digital news. "I thought it was going to be a comedy. But it was still really good. I liked Debra the most because of the way she acted."

Other characters also earned the audience's affection.

"I liked Kimberly," said Ankur Patel, junior in kinesiology. "It was a good story and I liked her because she had such good emotions."

Kristina Gent, senior in theatre, said that she came to support the cast, most of whom she was friends with.

"It was fantastic," Gent said. "It couldn't have been a better show, everyone did so well. It's hard to pick a favorite character when they're all so funny but I really liked Joey Boos. He's been good in everything I've seen him in. But Debra was good too."

## SGA | New ICAT T-shirts revealed

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position is a good fit for his personality.

"I'm not an overly opinionated person," Nuss said. "So, with my experience, background and knowledge, I feel this is the role in which I can best serve the senate."

Nuss ran on a platform of new member integration in the senate, continuity within SGA and better representation of currently underrepresented groups to increase SGA involvement on campus.

The final results saw Nuss top Ryan Patterson, junior in general business and human resource management, and Megan Walden, senior in industrial engineering, with 31 votes, while 17 voted for Patterson and 7 for Walden. After both Patterson and Walden declined nomination for speaker pro-tempore, Kaitlin Long, senior in entrepreneurship, was named to the position.

The evening included some light-hearted moments in addition to the SGAs usual business.

Adam Pro, assistant athletic director and athletic department liaison to students, introduced senators to the new ICAT T-shirts, which were emblazoned with the slogan "Nothing is more important than family." The word "family" is pictured in its well-known form on a brick that K-State football players often bring onto the field with them during introductions.

A video played for the senators of student athletes Ryan Mueller, junior football player, and Shane Southwell, junior basketball player, "accidentally" interrupting a K-State class along with Willie the Wildcat and The Pride of Wildcat Land Marching Band with Big 12 trophies in hand.

Throughout the evening as senate members were sworn in, they were asked to compare themselves to a fruit that represents them. It was not a student, though, who got the most applause.

"I'm like a prune, because I make things happen," said Bill Smriga, student life representative to SGA and director of the K-State Student Union, as the room filled with laughter.

At Thursday night's inaugural meeting, Ava Clark, freshman in industrial engineering, who was a senate intern last term, reflected on her own first meeting.

"I remember my first time in a senate meeting it seemed like they were speaking a foreign language," Clark said. "So, I'm excited to help others in their first term kind of figure it out."

Clark also said she was excited to get the opportunity to vote in this term, something she could not do as an intern.

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